

MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

2ND CLASS (SW) ZACHARY D. BELL

A native of Philadelphia PA., Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Zachary D. Bell graduated from Bensalem High School in 2006.

After graduating, Bell enlisted in the Navy and reported to Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Later, Bell attended Mass Communications "A" School at the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md. Upon graduation he received orders to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in San Diego, CA.

It was on the Vinson that Bell became proficient in the many platforms of the MC community but displayed a certain flair for videography. He would receive high praise for his videography during the inaugural Carrier Classic, which played a role in Bell being accepted to the Navy's Syracuse Videography Program. While on two Western Pacific Deployments with the Vinson, he would win multiple individual Russell Egnor Media Awards, along with filming and hosting for Vinson's 2102 Thomas Jefferson Award winning, Best Military Newscast "The 70".

Bell would then transfer to Naval Medical Center San Diego in February 2013, where he would become the military videography supervisor for the hospital while still fulfilling the duties of an MC. While at NMCSDD his work has been published in such military publications as Navy.mil, Military Medical News, Navy Dispatch, Military Times, Navy and Marine Corps Medical News, NBC San Diego and KTLA Los Angeles.

Within the public affairs office, he is a mentor and teacher to junior Sailors. He also is the voice for NMCSDD's music-on-hold; voicing, editing and recording to make sure the hospital's message gets across to its patients.

Bell will report in March 2014 to join Naval Surface Forces Pacific in Coronado Calif. to continue to serve the world's finest Navy.